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SUBJECT: ISRAELI DESIRE TO SELL MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO PANAMA

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DURING ATHERTON VISIT I HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TELL EVRON THAT WE COULD NOT

ACQUIESCE IN THE SALE BY ISRAEL OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO PANAMA AND I EXPLAINED TO HIM OUR REASONS. EVRON SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO PANAMA ON DECEMBER 31 BEFORE PROCEEDING TO WASHINGTON TO TAKE PART IN THE ALLON VISIT. MAIN REASON FOR VISIT TO PERSUADE PANAMA TO PLAY HELPFUL

ROLE DURING TENURE AS 1976 MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE EXPECTED

TO PANAMANIAN TO RAISE AGAIN QUESTION OF ARMS SALES AND HOPED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE THEM POSITIVE REPLY. HE ASKED ME TO PASS ON TO WASHINGTON HIS REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE ORIGINAL ISRAELI PROPOSAL OF LAST SUMMER, POINTING OUT THAT PANAMANIAN HAD INDICATED IF ISRAELI SALE BLOCKED, THEY WOULD SHOP IN WESTERN EUROPE. I HELD OUT NO HOPE THAT OUR POSITION MIGHT CHANGE, BUT IN LIGHT OF PURPOSE HIS TRIP I SAID THAT I WOULD RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN.
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